GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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Major Ports
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is awarethat major ports in the country are not ableto meet the global requirements of freighttransport;
(b) if so, the details thereof and thereaction of the Government theretoalongwith the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government in thisregard;
(c) whether the Government is awarethat the capacity of major ports inKarnataka has been declining over the lastfew years;
(d) if so, the details thereof along withthe reason therefor during each of the lastthree years and the current year, port-wise;
(e) whether the Government proposesto formulate any comprehensive plan toenhance the capacity of these ports; and
(f) if so, the details thereof and if not,the other steps taken/being taken by theGovernment in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a)&(b):Expansion, modernization and up-gradation of Major Ports in the country is an ongoing process to keep the ports abreast with new technologies and also to promote trade and cargo. The capacity of the Major Ports has grown significantly with last few years. The existing capacity of the Major Ports as on 31st March, 2016 is 965.36 MTPA which is adequate to handle existing cargo at the Ports. The cargo handled by the Major Ports during 2015-16 was 606.37 MT.

(c)to(f):There is only one Major Port in Karnataka viz New Mangalore Port and there has been no decline in its capacity during the last few years. The capacity available in the Major Ports during the last three years and the current year is as under:
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Capacity(MTPA)
Port 2014
(31st March) 2015
(31st March) 2016
(31st March) 2016-17
(Upto June, 2016)
Kolkata
(including Haldia) 63.89 70.85 86.99 86.99
Paradip 108.80 119.80 126.94 126.94
Visakhapatnam 88.92 90.76 107.75 107.75
Kamarajar (Ennore) 31.00 37.00 45.00 45.00
Chennai 86.04 86.04 93.44 93.44
V.O.Chidambaranar 42.06 44.55 59.26 59.26
Cochin 49.66 49.66 49.66 49.66
New Mangalore 77.77 77.77 77.77 77.77
Mormugao 36.65 43.76 48.79 48.79
Mumbai 44.53 44.53 49.33 49.33
JNPT 65.88 121.43 89.37 89.37
Kandla 102.32 79.33 131.06 131.06
Total: 800.52 871.34 965.36 965.36
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Expansion & up-gradation of capacity in Major Ports is continuous process and it involves construction of new berths & terminals, mechanization of existing berths & terminals etc. and up-gradation of skills of human resource in the major ports.

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